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The deployment of 31 CAT/CUB/CAMP medium assault-transport aircraft to Sniatowo Airfield, observed [REDACTED] evidently was part of Warsaw Pact field training exercises. According to

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Sniatowo Airfield is in extreme northwest Poland, 22 nautical miles east of the East German border. It has been expanded [REDACTED] the runway having been lengthened from 1,980 meters (6,500 feet) to 2,308 meters (7,573 feet), making it adequate to handle FISHBED aircraft. Since [REDACTED] 24 single-bay revetments suitable for fighter aircraft have been constructed, and in [REDACTED] 110 vehicles or pieces of equipment were observed at the airfield, 925 meters (slightly more than 3,000 feet) northwest of the runway in open fields (Figure 2).

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Permanent facilities are lacking at the airfield. Barracks and administration buildings are not observed, nor are hangars or maintenance facilities. This suggests that the airfield will remain a dispersal or recovery base, and that the improvement program underway is designed to enhance the capabilities for such uses rather than to convert the field to a major military airfield.

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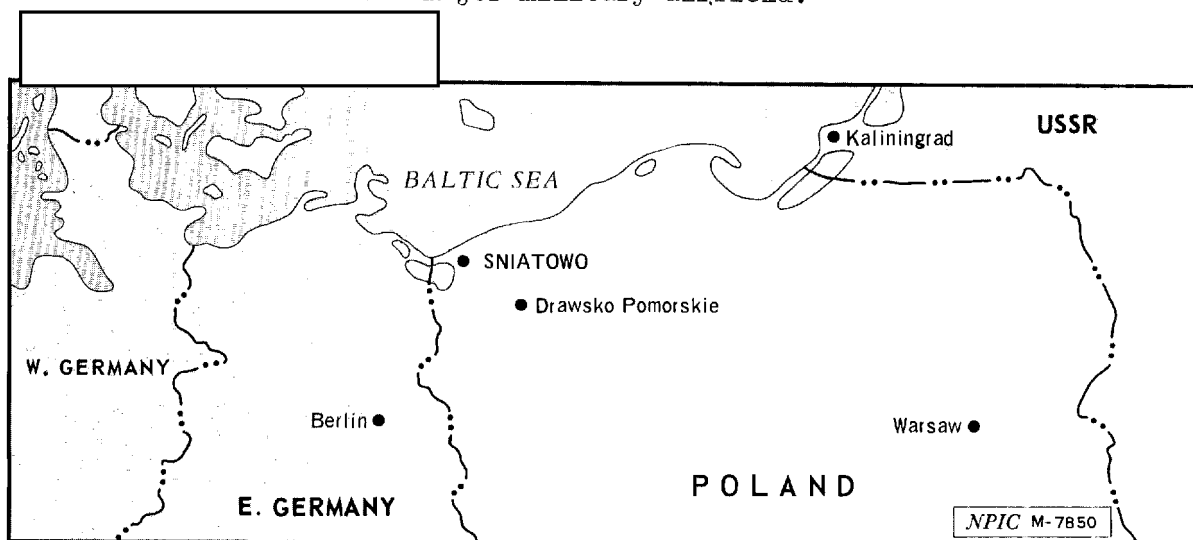


FIGURE 1. SNIATOWO AIRFIELD, POLAND

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